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## Bristol's bonny baby

Bristol Zoo's polar bear, Cynthia, allows the public to see her baby, now about four months old, in its fine fur coat—just like mother's

## REWARD FOR A LOST CHARTER

Bermuda celebrates its 350th anniversary as a British colony this year. The first settlers were a party of colonists, led by Sir George Somers, who landed there in 1609, having been shipwrecked in a hurricane while on their way to Virginia.

Six years later a Royal Charter was granted by James the First to a company formed for the "plantation of Somers' Islands," as they were then called.

Alas, that historic Royal Charter, long assumed to have been in safe keeping in London, is not to be found. Some people believe the Charter may have been lost in the Great Fire of London, others that an 18th-century Bermudan official named Tucker was the last person known to have had it. There is also a possibility that it was sold by auction some 50 years ago as part of a private collection called the Philips Manuscripts.

The Colonial Office have been carrying out inquiries and express an opinion that it is perhaps in the private library of one of the many families in Virginia or England who were once connected with Bermuda.

Bermuda is offering an attractive reward in these terms: "Whoever gives information which leads to the finding of the missing Charter will be invited, all

expenses paid, of course, to bring it to Bermuda accompanied by a companion of their choice.

"No doubt, the ceremonies of handing over the Charter will take some considerable time—at least a week to ten days, during which period the finder and his or her companion will be most royally entertained on the Island."

## British boys to tour Canada

Forty-eight senior schoolboys from London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford, and Glasgow are in for a wonderful time in Canada this summer. They will form the carefully selected party for the eleventh of the annual tours arranged by the W. H. Rhodes Canada Educational Trusts.

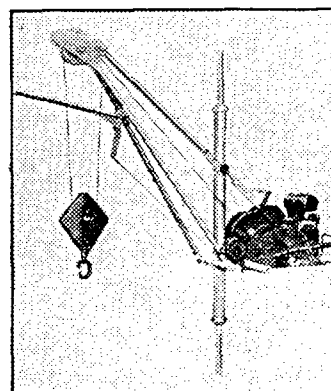
Last year's party, mostly school captains and prefects, made a journey of over 7000 miles, and it included a visit to Niagara, where some of them were allowed to operate the mechanism controlling the floodlighting of the Falls. At Toronto they shot up 32 floors in an express lift for a magnificent view of the city.

As on all these tours, however, the most prized experience of the British boys was the warm hospitality in Canadian homes.

## MIGHTY MIDGET THAT HELPS THE BUILDER

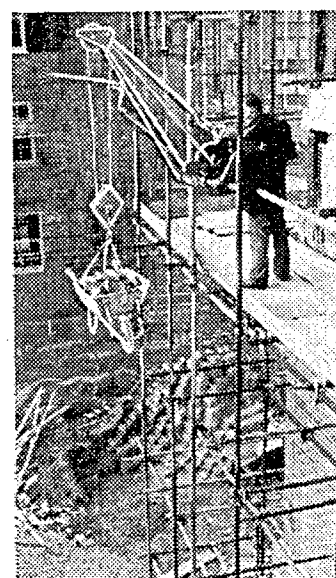
An ingenious machine is now at work on building sites all over the country. It is a new type of midget crane, or "hoist," as it is more properly termed.

Little higher than the average man, the "Ace" Midget Hoist consists of a jib, hoisting hook block, power winch (driven by a small petrol engine or electric



motor), and winch drum with cable.

Easily dismantled and capable of being transported from place to place in a small truck, it is often used high up on a building



platform—for it can easily be fitted to scaffolding poles.

It can then be used to haul up buckets of mortar and building materials of all kinds (40 bricks at a time can be carried in a special "pallet" or container). Top load is five hundredweight.

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## Extremes meet



Sergeant Gunning, tallest man in the R.A.M.C., adjusts the beret of Private Spicknell, the shortest man in the Corps.

## DAREDEVILS OF MODENA

A group of unpaid volunteers are showing just what can be done by those who have the will and the strength.

Twelve men and a woman of the Modena region of Italy have spent a year training to be ready for any emergency in their country. They have learned how to deal with power and telegraph lines damaged by storm or other disaster; they can make quick temporary repairs to water and gas mains or to the drainage system; and they can carry out many sorts of plumbing.

All have learned the technique of fire-fighting in asbestos suits; each can fly a plane and a helicopter and make a parachute landing; and every one can drive all types of vehicles, including bulldozers which are so often needed to clear stricken streets of rubble. The group also has its

doctor, and the one woman of the party has been trained as a nurse.

Now, with a year's training behind them, the group is ready to go to the help of any city, town, or village stricken by landslide, earthquake or fire.

Their qualities were recognised recently when the Italian authorities acknowledged the "Mad Daredevils" of Modena, as they have become known, as an official rescue squad. This means that the little band of 13 may now be called upon at any time to give their help and also to prove that the spirit of the true volunteer is by no means dead.

## PET EAGLE

A Rhodesian schoolboy, Ralph Oxenham, has made a pet of an eagle and has trained it to sit quietly on his gauntleted wrist.



# BUDGET DAY—AND INCOME TAX

By the CN Parliamentary Correspondent  
*Mr. Heathcoat Amory, our bachelor Chancellor of the Exchequer, will present his Budget to the Commons next Tuesday, and the improved economic condition of Britain suggests he will have some cheerful news for taxpayers. The Prime Minister recently said that he doubted if taxation would be "substantially or painfully increased this year."*

*That was probably a playful way of hinting that certain taxes may be cut, and some financial experts think he may have been referring to income tax. So let us take a quick look at income tax.*

Two kinds of tax are levied to find the money for all the services which central and local governments have to provide. These two kinds are called direct and indirect. The latter are taxes on goods and services, such as the taxes on tobacco and entertainments, including the licence fees charged for our right to look-in at television.

Direct taxes fall into three main classes. There are taxes on income, such as ordinary income tax, surtax, and profits tax; taxes on capital, such as the estate (also called death) duties; and a third group including land tax, stamp duties (legal charges on house purchase), and motor vehicle duties.

Except for motor vehicle duties, which are collected chiefly by our local councils, all these are collected by the Government through the Inland Revenue Department.

Income tax, the most important of direct taxes, accounts for about half the Chancellor's Budget revenue. It is charged not only against individuals but against corporate bodies—business and commercial firms, and other undertakings.

## STANDARD RATE

William Pitt the Younger introduced income tax in 1799 to finance the war against France. The tax has been increased, reduced, and abolished in turn, and then revived, increased, and developed until today, after 160 years, it is one of the most compact and complex taxes in the world.

From the very beginning there has been a "standard rate" of tax—that is, so much in every pound of taxable income has been declared necessary to help the costs of government.

In 1799 the standard rate was 2s. in the pound on a man's total income. Today the rate is 8s. 6d. in the pound, but tax is levied on one part only of the income—the figure left after various allowances have been deducted.

Pitt really founded the system of treating each taxpayer on merit. For instance, in his time those earning less than £60 a year paid no tax, and a graduated scale of rates applied to incomes between £60 and £200.

Today we still have these graduated rates, each levied on slices of a man's income; and the standard rate of 8s. 6d. is really the maximum or top rate of income tax charged on the last slice of income. (A higher tax rate, called

surtax, is charged against those earning more than £2000 a year.)

In 1802, when Britain made a temporary peace with Napoleon in the treaty of Amiens, income tax was abolished, but it was brought back a year later when war broke out once more. It was again abolished after Waterloo in 1815.

Then there was a period of peace, when our forefathers paid no income tax at all, until it was revived in 1842. A new standard rate was then fixed at sevenpence in the pound. The Prime Minister of the day, Sir Robert Peel, wanted the tax kept on for only three years, but because Britain was going through hard times there were repeated extensions of this period.

## UP AND UP

In 1853 Mr. Gladstone, the great apostle of Victorian thrift, imposed the tax for a further seven-year period. He gradually reduced the rates in the hope that by 1860 the Government could repeal the tax altogether.

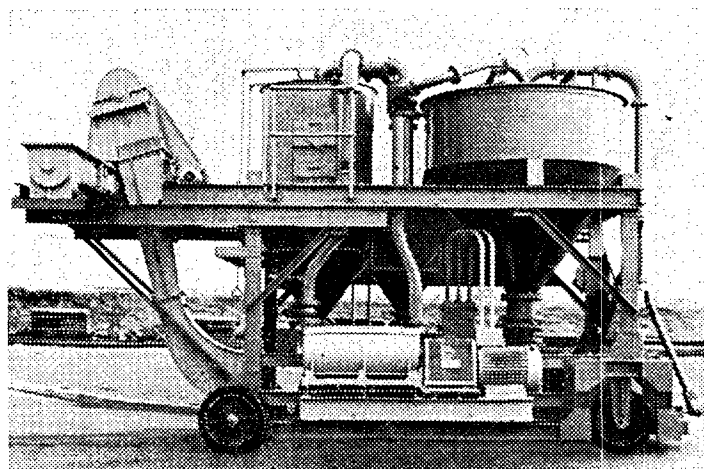
But in 1855 the Crimean War led to the doubling of the standard rate to 1s. 4d. in the pound. In 1860 Mr. Gladstone was obliged to fix the rate at 10d. Since then the tax has been renewed annually.

The rate went up to 1s. after the Boer War broke out in 1899, and further increased to 1s. 3d. when the war ended. It increased to a record rate of 10s. during the Second World War.

## Vacuum cleaning in a big way

This photograph shows one of the biggest vacuum cleaners in the world. Made at Leatherhead in Surrey, it weighs about 14 tons and is used to clean the flues of big boilers.

The first of these machines to be made went to a big steel works in North-East England, where it proved so successful that the National Coal Board ordered



some to cut the time and cost of cleaning the boiler houses at their mines.

The original giant vacuum cleaner was intended only for local use and was designed to be handled by a tractor in the steel works. The design was altered to meet the Coal Board's requirements, and their cleaner is mounted on an articulated trailer so that it can be moved on roads from one mine to another.

The machines remove dust at the rate of four tons an hour and take only about 30 minutes to clean a big boiler flue. One great advantage is that machine-cleaning can be done while boilers are still comparatively hot. With manual cleaning it is necessary to wait for complete cooling of the boilers.

Colliery officials estimate that the new machines will save approximately 80 per cent in cleaning costs.

## News from Everywhere

Excavations near Worcester Cathedral have brought to light a 4th-century cooking hearth, together with metal and pottery of the same period.

At Battersea Park children's zoo, London, now open for the summer, newcomers include Tweedledum and Tweedledee, a pair of pigmy burrowing owls from South America.

A section of road tunnel 459 feet long was recently laid all in one piece under the Kiel Canal. Consisting of two metal tubes in concrete, and weighing 20,000 tons, it is thought to be the longest section of tunnel ever built in one piece.

## GOOD SINGING

The Ulster Girls' Choir will give concerts for charity in New York during the week beginning April 7, and from April 13 will tour Canada. The proceeds of their concerts will be given to polio research and other good causes.

A new 4000-ton cable ship is to be built for the Post Office at a cost of £1,500,000 to assist in the maintenance of Atlantic cables.

The Israeli seaport-city of Tel Aviv has been celebrating its 50th anniversary. It was founded in 1909 as a garden suburb by a small group of Jews from the nearby town of Jaffa, which had a mainly Arab population. Today its population is 400,000.

## GLORIOUS DEVON

The National Parks Commission is proposing two more Devonshire areas as national parks. One stretch is from Brixham to Salcombe harbour; the other, on the north coast, overlooks Bideford Bay and includes Ilfracombe and Barnstaple.

Bournemouth, once noted for the number of its bathchairs, was recently asked to provide one for a production at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon for the only bathchair that could be found there is in a museum.

## BETTER DRIVING

Be a Better Driver is the theme of this year's Road Safety campaign, which is to open on April 20.

A new secondary school at Breadsall, near Derby, is to be named after Erasmus Darwin, the British scientist and philosopher, who was buried nearby in 1802.

## ABOARD THE WATER BABY

From April 20 to 25 there will be a "see for yourself" display of pleasure craft at Paddington Canal Basin, Warwick Crescent, London. Among the craft on view will be a new "Water Baby" class cruiser which has sleeping space for two adults and two children.

## THEY SAY . . .

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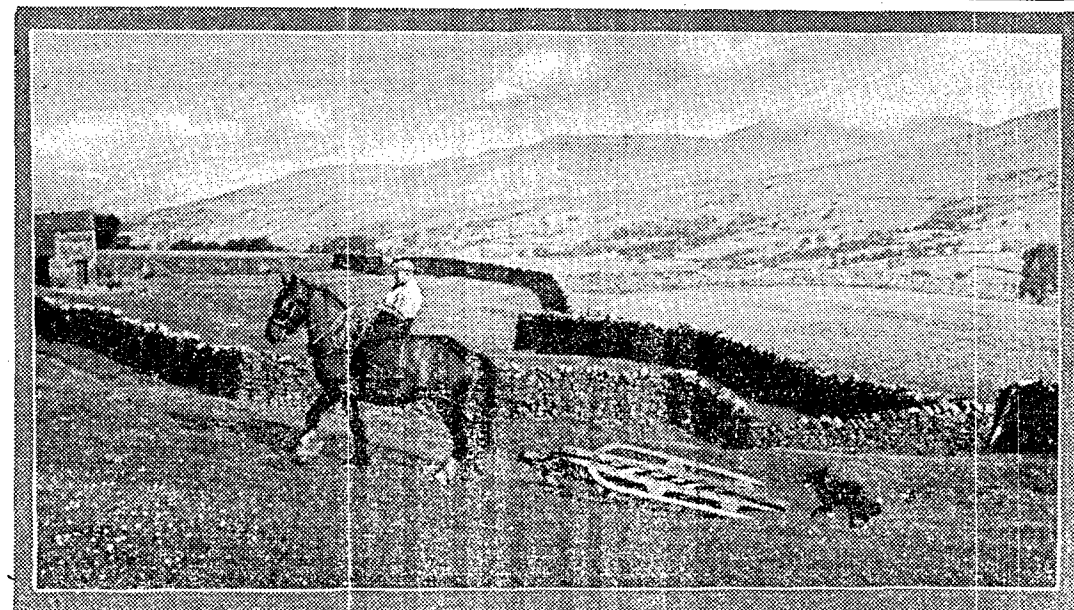
*The Chancellor of the Exchequer*

THANK goodness I've lived to see Luton get to Wembley.

*Mrs. Hannah Taylor, Luton Town soccer supporter who is 108*

BRITAIN is in danger of becoming the scruffiest country in the world. We have a long way to go before Britain becomes as clean as Switzerland or Germany, Scandinavia or Russia, China or Japan.

*Mr. Rupert Speir, M.P., who sponsored the Anti-Litter Bill*



## OUR HOMELAND

Farmer at work in the Dentsdale Valley in the West Riding of Yorkshire



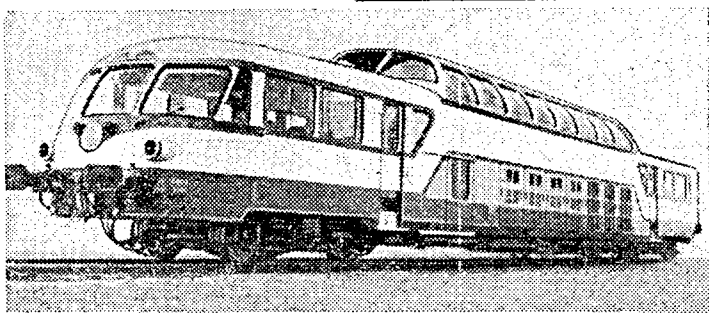
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## SEEING FRANCE IN A RAIL-CAR

Ten rail cars specially designed to give passengers the best possible view of the countryside are being introduced by French Railways for use on tourist routes. The first of these has just been completed.

Weighing 58 tons, it carries 88 passengers at 80 miles an hour. The passenger accommodation is in three sections. There are compartments at either end at normal level, each holding 22 passengers, and a large observation platform, above the 800-hp diesel motor, in the centre, seating 44.

The roof of the observation dome is of transparent plastic and the passengers' side windows have built-in de-misters. These windows are similar to those in aircraft, consisting of two sheets of glass separated by transparent plastic sheeting in which there is an electric heating element. The cars are air-conditioned throughout.



The first of the rail-cars being introduced on French Railways

## Slave Fund for good works

Two recently opened infant schools at the little town of Zierikzee in Holland were built with money from the oddly named Slave Fund.

This was established in 1734, to buy back Dutch sailors who, as often happened in those days, had been captured by Barbary pirates and sold as slaves. Every ship-owner and seaman contributed to this good cause.

When the pirates were suppressed, the Slave Fund was used to provide almshouses for old seamen, and pensions for their dependents. The last widow maintained by the Fund died in 1937, and it was then decided to invest the accumulated money and use it for the good of the whole community. It proved a godsend in the disastrous floods of 1953, and now it has benefited the children of Zierikzee, with two brand-new schools.

## NEW SWEDISH ROAD TO NORWAY

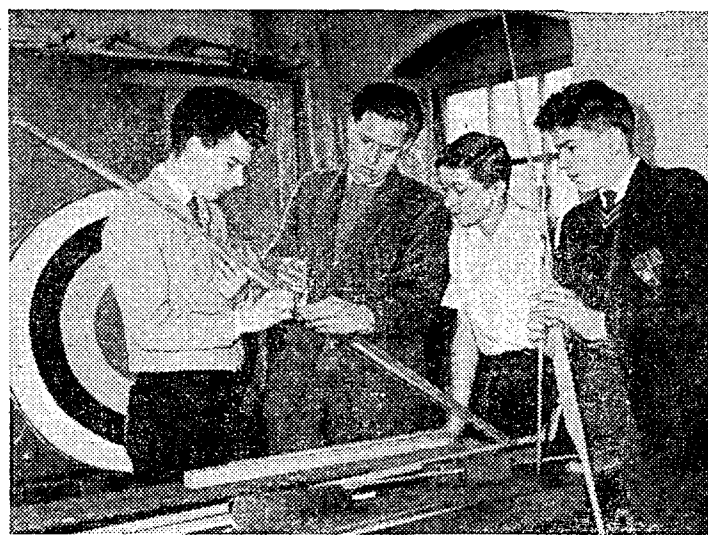
The King of Sweden is shortly to open a fine modern motor highway which crosses the mountains into Norway. Running through some beautiful lake and fell country from Östersund in the centre of Sweden, it crosses the frontier at the winter sports resort of Storlien and drops from there through grand mountain scenery to the Norwegian port of Trondheim.

In the Middle Ages the same route was followed by pilgrims to St. Olaf's shrine at Trondheim.

## Sports prizes for C.N. readers

Sports Prizes of their choice have been awarded to these winners of C.N. Competition No. 20: Ann Broome, Cheadle; Kenneth Chalk, Ruislip; Jean Gibson, Corbridge; Enid Holmes, Boreham Wood; and Elaine Smith, West Bromwich. A Postal Order for 5s. goes to each of these runners-up: Margaret Brookman, London, E.18; Hilary Chadderton, Truro; John Cookson, Pontefract; Dorothy Cox, Manchester; Stefanie Dack, Preston; Peter Harrison, Cookham; Lance Martin, Pontefract; Frances Rogers, Lowestoft; Malcolm Sutherland, Bexleyheath; and Charlotte Thomas, Welwyn Garden City.

SOLUTION: Cigarette Lighter, Telephone, Newspaper, Filing Basket, Blotting Pad, Fountain Pen, Collar, Tie, Electric Light, Electric Light Switch, Picture of Aeroplane, Radio (or Wireless) Set.



## Making their bows

The boys of West Square Secondary School in Southwark, London, have started to practise the ancient craft of bow-making in their school workshop.

## SEASIDE SUBURBS FOR LONDON

Seaside towns like Margate and Herne Bay are likely to become outer suburbs of London after the electrification of the Kent coast line is finished this summer. Fast trains from Margate and Herne Bay will reach London in less than an hour-and-a-half—not too long a journey for those city workers who would like a breath of sea air when they get home.

## MIDSHIPMITES

One of the keenest students at the London County Council's evening classes in the Cutty Sark at Greenwich was Mrs. Geoffrey Newman. Taking courses with her husband in coastal navigation and seamanship, she was unavoidably absent for four weeks in November.

When she returned, she brought her newly-born twin boys with her. They often accompanied her afterwards, sleeping quietly in their double-ended pram between decks in the old clipper ship, while father and mother carried on their studies in the lower hold.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman have been awarded a special prize for their keenness at the classes.

# YOURS on 7 DAYS' TRIAL!

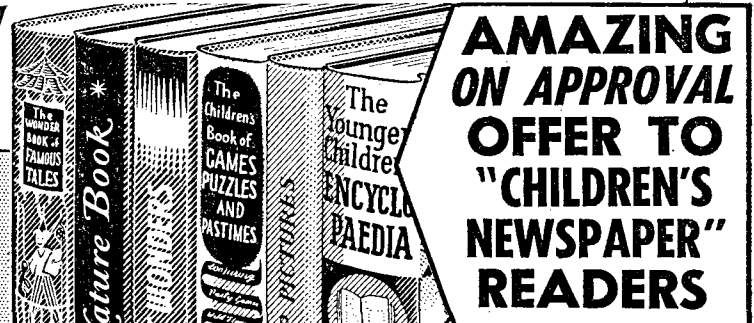


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## Tenth birthday for the Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER will soon be coming up to his 10th birthday on TV, though he made his debut in the cinema as far back as 1933. Since Clayton Moore took over the role in American TV in 1949 he and Jay Silverheels as Tonto have made 225 films. His first appearance on BBC Television was on Christmas Day, 1956.

Did you know that the Lone Ranger is said to have been a real man? The story goes back some 70 years, when six Texas Rangers were caught in an ambush. Five were killed, but one, seriously hurt, was nursed back to health by an Indian named Tonto.

Swearing that he would bring the outlaw gang to justice, the surviving Ranger tore off his identifying badge, then made a crude mask out of the vest of his dead

brother, who had been one of the five. The Lone Ranger fulfilled his mission, bringing in every member of the gang.



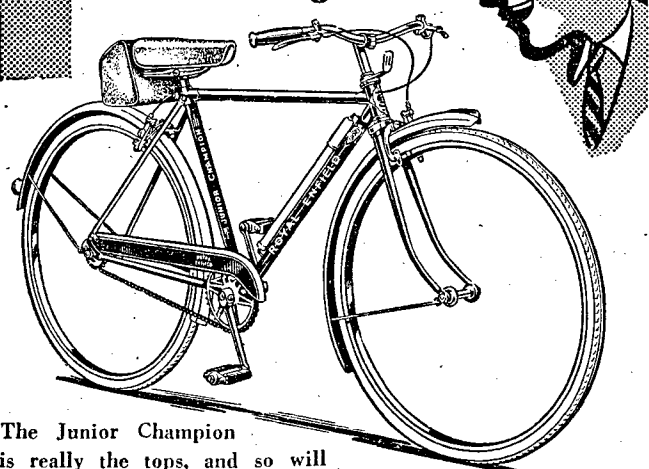
## THE LITTLE WOMEN RETURN

THE Louisa M. Alcott stories look like becoming hardy perennials in BBC Television. In the past 18 months we have had Little Women, Good Wives, and Jo's Boys which included her other famous story, Little Men.

Next week I hear, we turn full circle again with Little Women.

The telerecorded repeat, in six parts, begins in Children's TV on April 10. Joy Harington, the producer, auditioned 60 girls before she finally cast the four sisters—Andree Melly as tomboy Jo, Kate Cameron as the gentle Meg, Diana Day as timid Beth, and Sylvia Davies as the pert Amy.

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## MUSIC TO MATCH THE MOOD OF SPRING

CAN you think of a fairy song or a tune to match the mood of springtime? If so, you may be lucky enough to have it played specially for you in Associated-Rediffusion's Record Shop, and also win a record token.

Record Shop is a new Friday programme beginning on April 10 to replace Let's Get Together. Two old friends, Redvers Kyle and Steve Race, will take part every week. "Red" will introduce the numbers and Steve will be talking to interesting guests from the world of music.

All the tunes in this first programme will have something to do with London. In the next the theme will be Seaside Holiday, followed by Spring, Circus, Life Story, and Fairy Song. In the seventh and last programme the theme will be chosen by viewers themselves.

In the opening Record Shop on April 10 Redvers Kyle will invite children to send in suggestions on postcards for the spring theme. This allows you a fortnight to think up bright ideas. And you will have just as much time with the remaining themes. Children

whose tunes are played will receive a record token as prize.

Redvers Kyle told me they are hoping viewers will choose all kinds of music. "Not just 'pop' songs but good straight tunes and even semi-classics."

Tunes will be danced to or mimed by Tony Bateman and Mavis Trill, two of the original members of Cool for Cats.

One spot in the programme, by the way, will be called Cool for Kittens.



## In the Army 100 years ago

NIGEL LAMBERT (14), who was seen as a midshipman in Rex Tucker's play Victory in BBC Children's TV last October, next Tuesday swings over to the Army in The Pocket Lancer. This is a new four-part serial, written and produced by Shaun Sutton, taking us back to 1856 at the end of the Crimean War.

Nigel is starred as young Timothy Bretwyn. When the story opens it is three years since Timothy has seen his father, a Captain in the 45th Light Lancers. He still thinks of his father as the most distinguished captain in the British Army and the 45th as the finest regiment. And he has never forgotten how, just before leaving for the Crimea, his father had mounted him on his horse in barracks, nicknaming him The Pocket Lancer.

But when Captain Bretwyn returns with his regiment to England there are grave troubles in store. How Timothy helps to surmount them is the theme of the tale.

John Paul plays the father, with Barry Letts as a rival captain out to make trouble. There is a mid-Victorian spiv played by Douglas Blackwell.

London scenes of a century ago have been filmed amid the old houses at Strand-on-the-Green, Chiswick.

## Introducing TinTin

TINTIN, no relation to Rin-Tin-Tin, is coming to BBC Children's TV on Sunday week, April 12. He is a French boy detective, created by the Belgian cartoonist Hergé, and will appear week by week in partly animated strip cartoons. I shall have more news about TinTin next week.

## Goodbye to the Wye Valley

FOR train enthusiasts it is always a sad occasion when a railway closes down. So there will be a touch of gloom in next Tuesday's Railway Roundabout in BBC Children's TV.

Early this year the Western Region of British Railways stopped running trains on two of its most picturesque branches—the Monmouth and Chepstow and the Monmouth and Ross. Patrick Whitehouse and John Adams travelled over these lines on the very last day. Viewers will see the film they took. It is called Goodbye to the Wye Valley.

Afterwards we can go with the cameras to York signal box, the largest power-operated box in the country. Viewers will also meet the Station-Master at York, Mr. R. W. Clampitt.

## Magic at work in the Yorkshire dales

LISTENERS to Children's Hour are offered a scoop this Wednesday in the shape of The Grass Rope. Written by William Mayne, it was awarded the Carnegie Medal for 1958 for the best children's book of the year.

The story is set in the Yorkshire dales and has been turned into a three-part radio serial by Bertha Lonsdale, herself a Yorkshire woman.

Does science explain the presence of a mysterious hound running with the fairies and a unicorn under Wassand Fell? Adam Forrest, the grammar school boy, has no doubt about it, but Mary from the farm near Thorodale believes there are magic powers at work.

The story's title gives a clue to the way the hound is caught.

## TWELVE AUTOGRAPHS, PLEASE!

IMAGINE that wide-eyed comedian Frankie Howerd caught up in the same sort of antics as Sergeant Bilko in the Phil Silvers Show.

That will give you a good idea of Frankie's new series in BBC Television starting towards the end of April.

When I met Frankie Howerd the other day he told me one of his scriptwriters would be Phil Sharp, who writes many of the Sergeant Bilko stories. So look out for a strong family resemblance.

Autograph hunters never leave Frankie alone—unless he pulls his hat down over his eyes. He was telling me that a small boy even asked for his signature in a cinema while a picture was showing. "It was so dark I had to write my name by feel," he said.

Not long ago a little girl came up to him in a teashop with twelve separate bits of paper. "One autograph for me, please," she said. "And 11 for my friends."

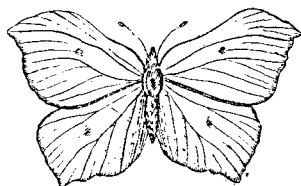




# The first Butterflies of Spring

IN most years Britain's first butterflies appear in the last week or ten days of March and are well on the wing by the beginning of April. Springs vary greatly, however, and this year I actually saw two kinds of butterfly, the brimstone and the small tortoiseshell, in the burst of warm sunshine we had in the last few days of February and the first few of March.

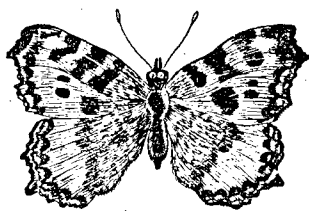
In the cold spring last year, on the other hand, I saw no butterfly of any kind until as late as April 15. In over 22 years of observation that was, by one day, the latest I have ever had to wait to



Brimstone butterfly

see my first butterfly. In half the years the brimstone has been the first butterfly I have seen, followed by the small tortoiseshell in seven years. My earliest butterfly seen on the wing was a small tortoiseshell at Burford in the Cotswolds on February 19, 1949.

The brimstone is a big, bright-yellow butterfly, and is indeed the butterfly, for it is because of the butter-coloured brimstone that the butterfly was given its name. Brimstone, incidentally, is another yellow substance, for it is an old name for sulphur. Brimstone and treacle used to be a favoured nursery remedy—favoured, of

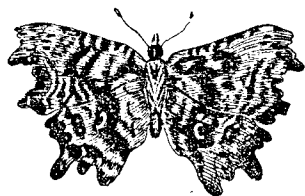


Small tortoiseshell

course, by mothers and nurses rather than children.

The brimstones and other butterflies that we see in the early spring have hibernated, that is to say, have spent the winter in a sleepy state in some cranny. As soon as there is a little warm sunshine they come out—often, as this year, a little early—and go about the business of mating and laying eggs that will produce caterpillars. These caterpillars duly turn into chrysalids, which hatch out in the summer, when very often the resulting butterflies will go straight into a house or shed and start to hibernate. They usually start coming into my home in the Chilterns from the end of July onwards.

The female brimstones, which are a much paler yellow than the males, lay their eggs on the shrub called purging buckthorn, which is especially common in chalky dis-



Underside of the Comma butterfly

tricts, and also on the alder-buckthorn, which prefers marshy situations. The caterpillar is green, with numerous tiny black specks.

The handsome small tortoiseshell butterfly has a variegated pattern of warm rufous browns and black, with a row of attractive blue spots along the borders of its wings. Its caterpillar is blackish and much to be encouraged, for it feeds mainly on stinging nettles.

Another early butterfly is the peacock, easily recognised by its striking blue "eyes," one on each wing. Its caterpillar, rather like that of the small tortoiseshell, also feeds on nettles.

## DISTINGUISHING MARK

If you are very lucky this April you might also see a comma butterfly, which used to be very rare in Britain but has in recent years become quite common in some districts, especially around London. It is like a rather ragged small tortoiseshell, and can easily be distinguished by the white comma-shaped mark on the underside of each hind wing.

April is usually not very far advanced before the first of the white butterflies appears. Usually the small white comes first, followed by the green-veined white about the middle of the month, and the large white before the end. The large and small whites are the ones usually called cabbage whites. Speckled wood and orange tip are two more butterflies that usually appear first in April.

RICHARD FITTER

## PONY TREKKING IN DURHAM

Pony-trekking is becoming increasingly popular in the west of County Durham. Starting from the little town of Stanhope, the trekkers set out on a long day's journey into the rolling hills of Upper Weardale.

They ride shaggy Icelandic ponies, which are sturdy and well suited to fell country.

Young people come for many miles for a pony trek, with plenty of fresh air and exercise as well as to enjoy the dale scenery.

## Trip to South Africa



Claire Shaffer, of Beckenham, Kent, won an essay competition. As a result she received an invitation to visit a girls' school in South Africa and here she is seen boarding the plane for Johannesburg.

## Hawaii is now the fiftieth of the United States

The American flag was given an extra star not long ago; the six rows of eight became seven rows of seven stars with the admission of Alaska as the 49th State. But soon the flag will have to be altered again, for a 50th star will be needed to represent Hawaii. Known as the Paradise of the Pacific, Hawaii has now been granted statehood by the American Congress, and later this year, after more than 40 years of agitation, President Eisenhower will officially proclaim the islands to be the 50th State of the Union.

The new State is the only one to consist of islands, and the only one, too, which was once a kingdom. Lying more than 2000 miles south-west of San Francisco, Hawaii is a 390-mile chain of 20 islands, of which only eight are inhabited. The biggest is Hawaii itself, at the south of the group, which is about 95 miles long. But the capital, Honolulu, is on the smaller island of Oahu. Altogether, the islands have an area of about 6400 square miles (a little bigger than Yorkshire) and a population of well over half a million.

The chief products of Hawaii are sugar, pineapples, coffee, molasses, hides, and bananas. Fresh flowers are also among their exports, and one of their first acts

on being granted statehood was to send 600 of their carnations by air for members of the U.S. Congress. The tourist trade is another important source of wealth.

The Hawaiian Islands were discovered in 1778 by Captain Cook, who was killed there by the natives in the following year. He called them the Sandwich Islands, after Lord Sandwich, who was then First Lord of the British Admiralty.

For most of the succeeding century Hawaii remained an independent kingdom, but in 1893 the people deposed their queen and later established a republic. It was at the people's own request that the island's were annexed by the United States in 1898. Now, 61 years later, they are rejoicing in their admission to the Union. After long years of agitation Hawaii has become the 50th of the United States.

## SHORTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

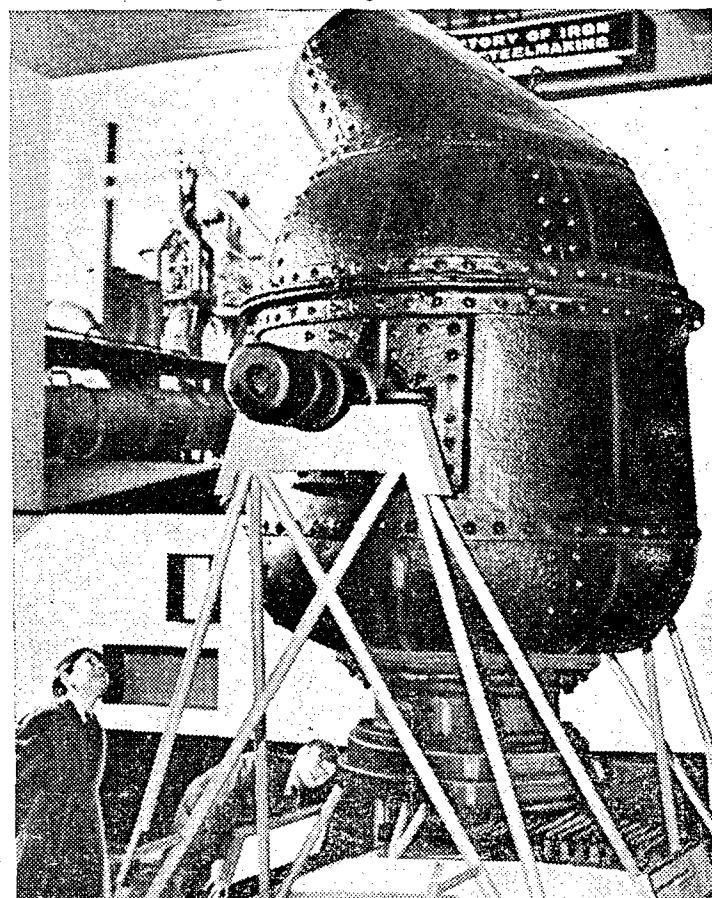
French schoolchildren have had a shock—their Minister of Education has docked two weeks off their summer holidays. Previously they had 13 weeks, starting in July, and teachers used to say it took them another three weeks to get used to school discipline again.

## ACCENT ON STEEL

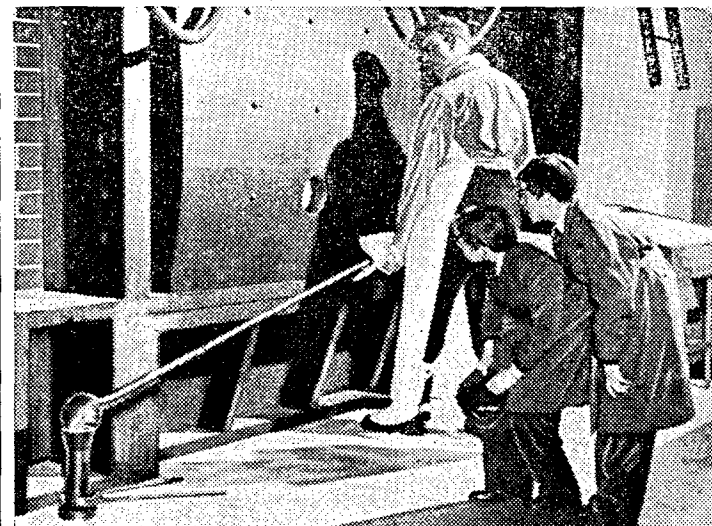
IN a new gallery at the Science Museum in London, the whole story of Steel, from the digging of the ore to the finished product, is shown in a fine series of models. Claimed to be the most up-to-date display of its kind in the world, it is sponsored by the steel industry itself, in which Britain has played a pioneer part.



This schoolboy is fascinated by a model of an electric arc furnace showing how certain special steels are made



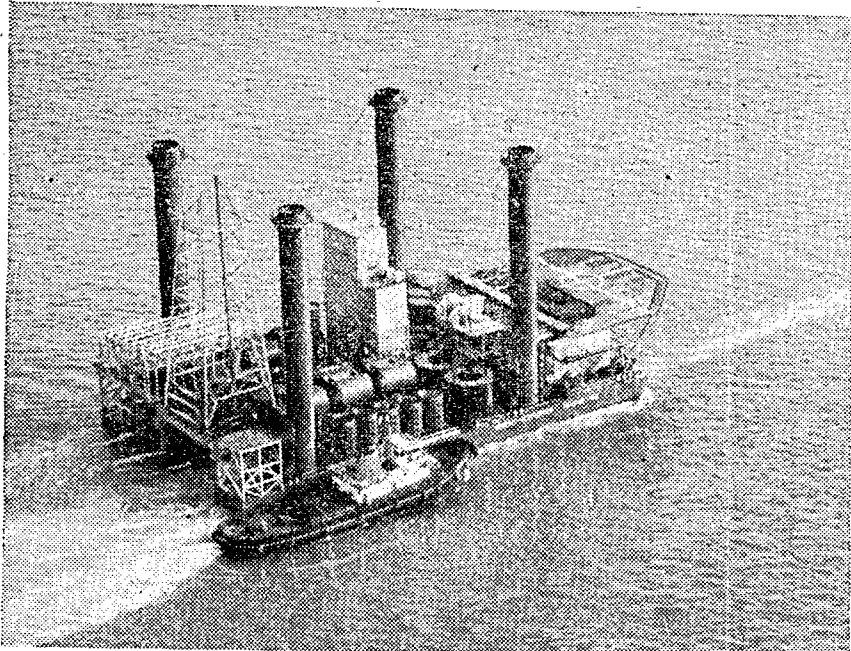
One of the original converters for the mass production of steel, patented by Sir Henry Bessemer in 1856



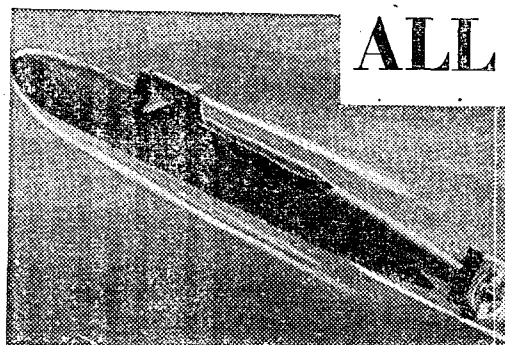
The "fierce heat" of a modern open hearth steel furnace is behind doors operated by remote control



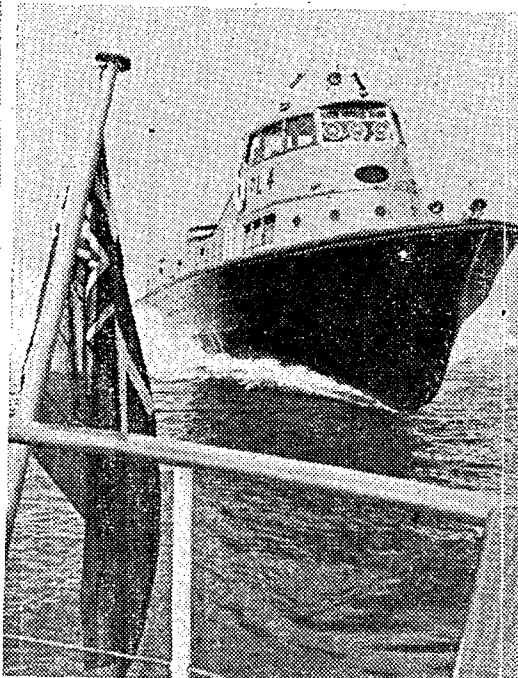
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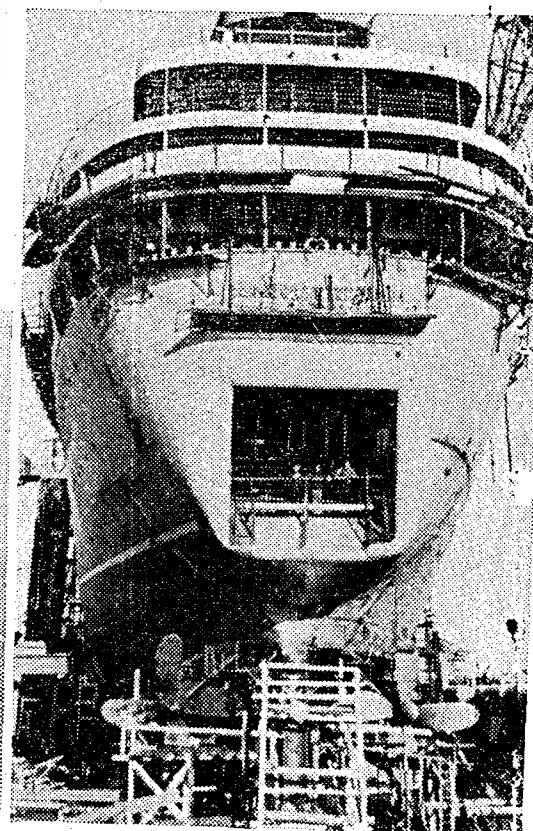
The Orient Explorer, mobile platform for drilling for oil in the bed of the sea



Artist's drawing of the 260-foot atomic submarine, now under construction in the U.S.

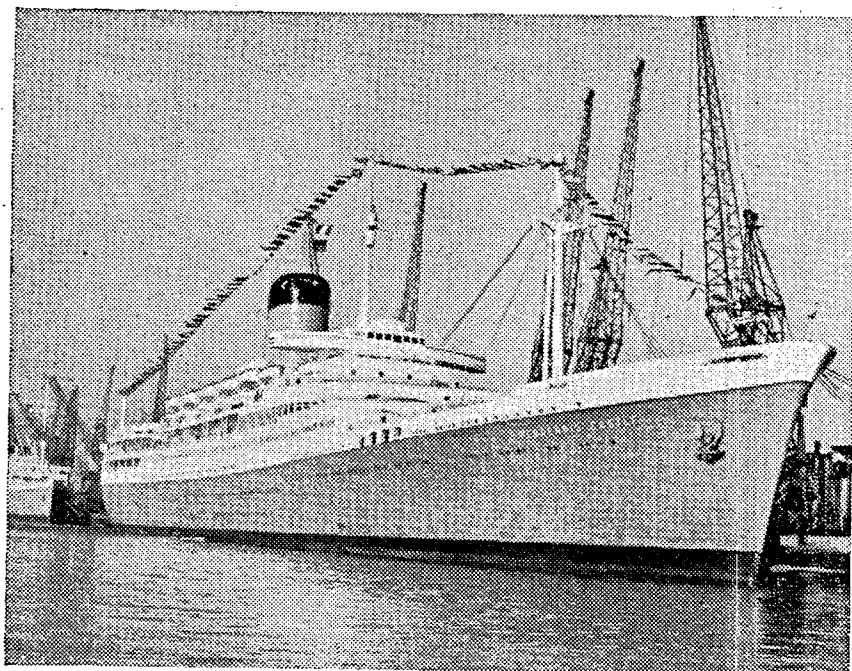


British-made launch to carry 60 people at 35 knots

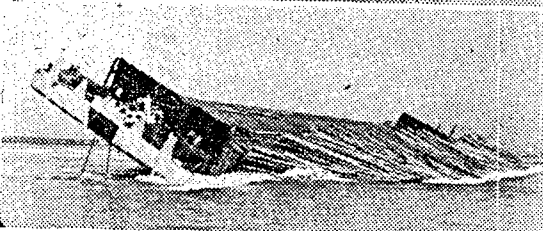
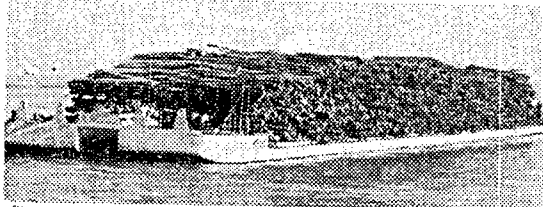


30,000-ton whaler now being built in Russia

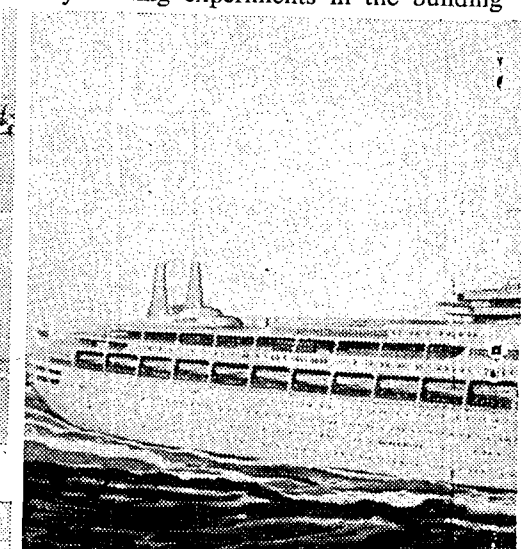
TENS of thousands of years ago man discovered that he could safely cross a river on a drifting tree trunk. That tree trunk was the world's first ship. Down through the ages since that discovery men have been constantly making experiments in the building



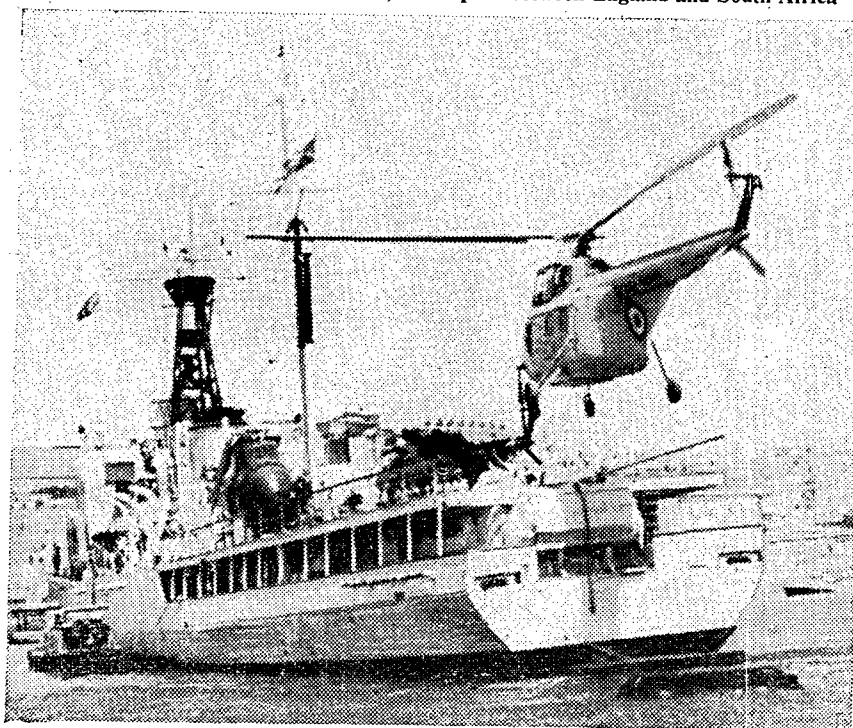
Union Castle liner Pendennis Castle, which plies between England and South Africa



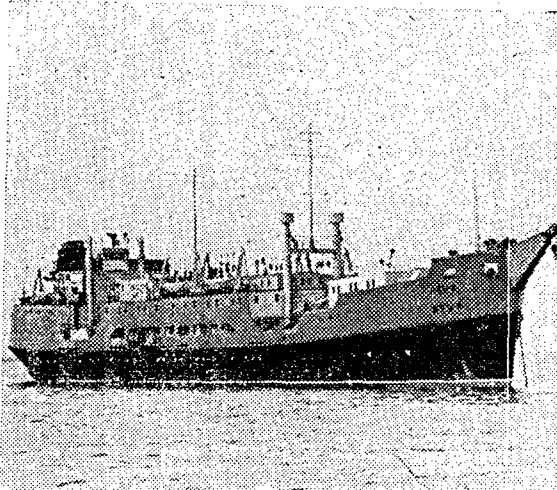
Russian timber barge which tips its cargo into the water when tanks on one side are flooded



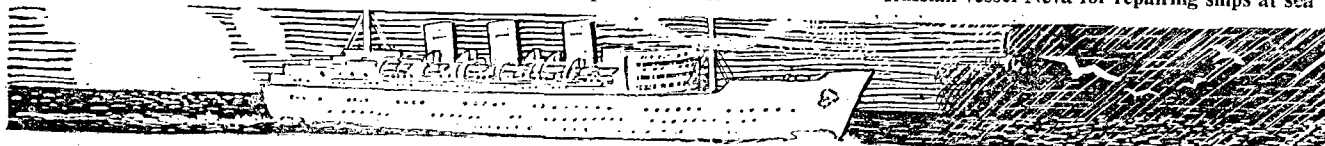
Drawing of the P. and O. Canberra, biggest turbine



H.M.S. Surprise has a special deck on which three helicopters can land



Russian vessel Neva for repairing ships at sea



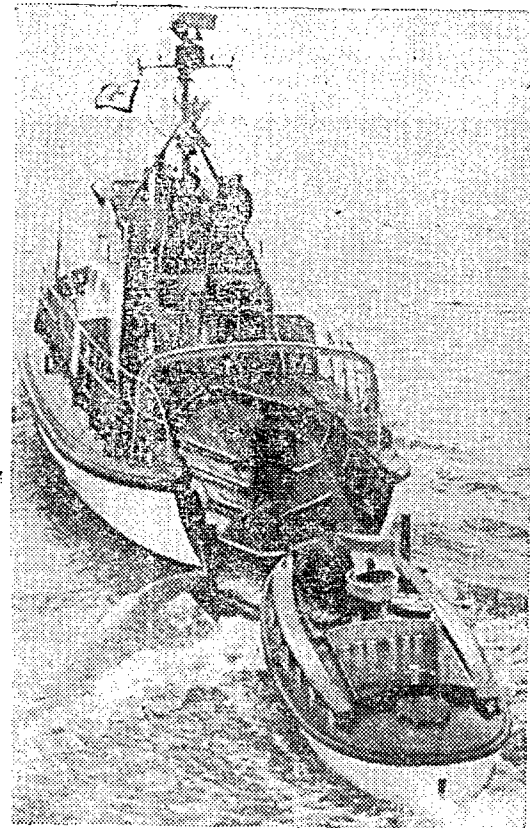
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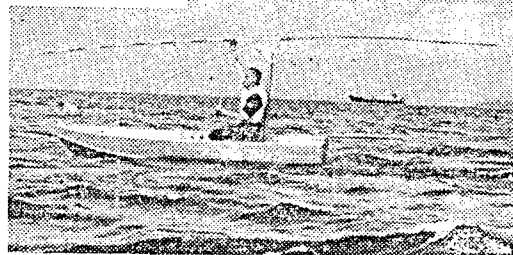
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# OR THE HIGH SEAS

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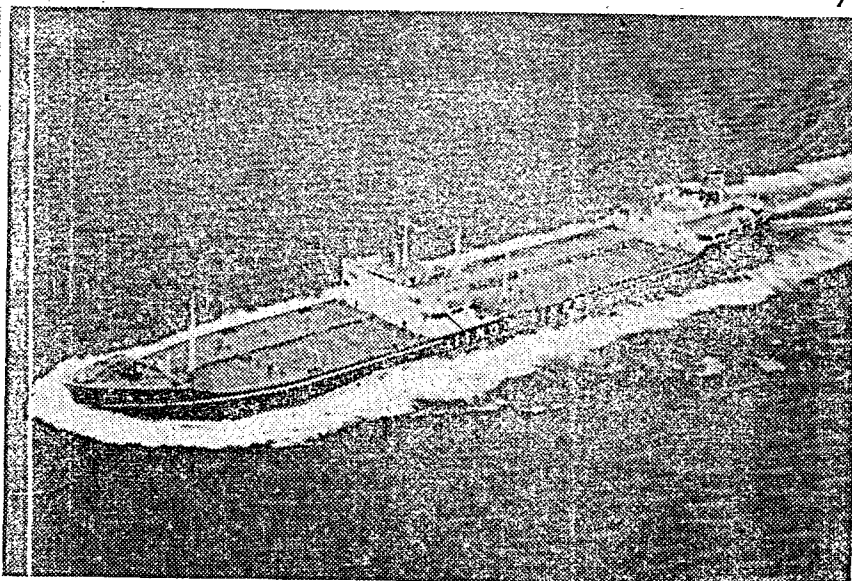
German rescue ship with its lifeboat of ships, and using new-found sources of power to propel them—sail and steam, oil and electricity, and now nuclear energy. Today, as the pictures on these pages show, men go down to the sea—and under it—in ships of infinite variety.



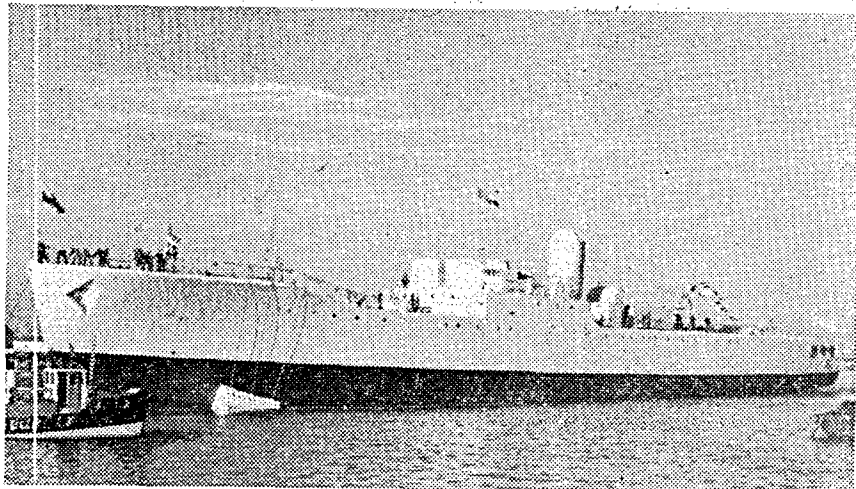
A Danish rotor glider which rises in the air when it is towed at high speed



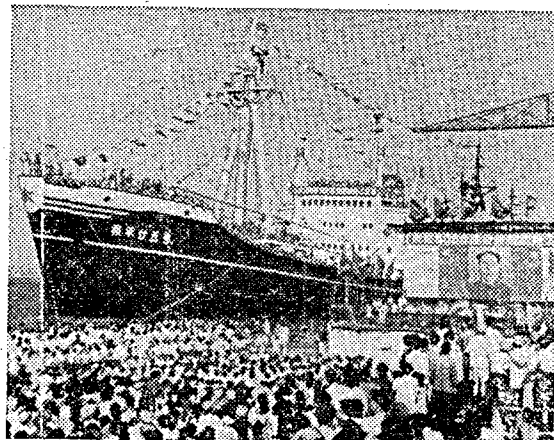
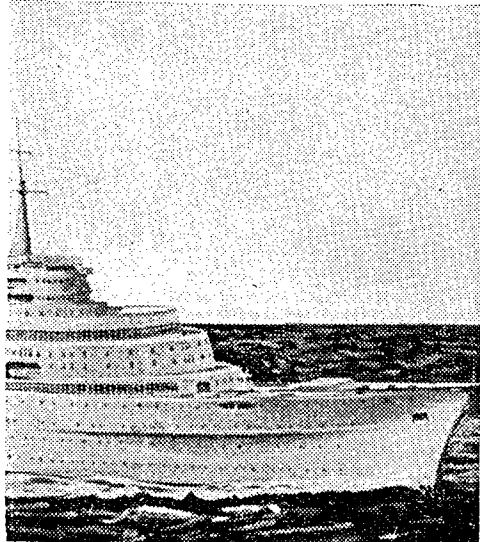
Big Danish tanker, Nordic Hawk, built on the Clyde



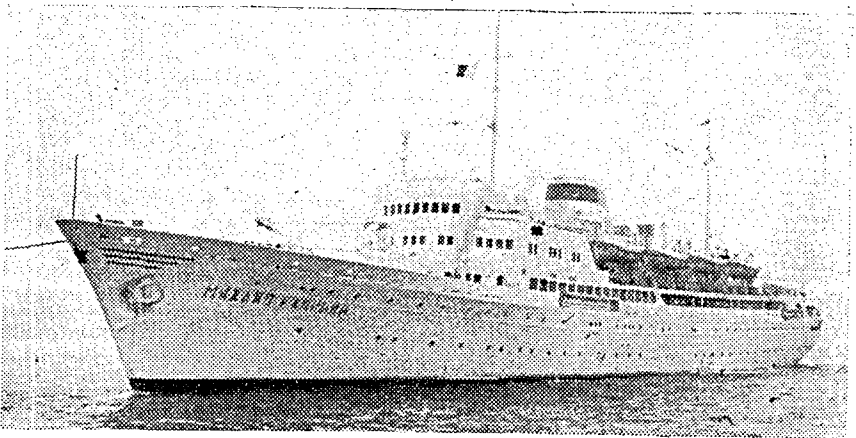
Japanese giant—the 43,000-ton tanker Goho Maru



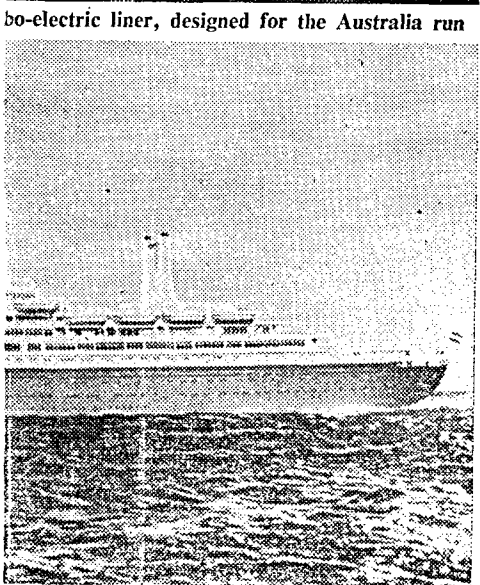
Anti-submarine frigate Otago, built in Britain for the New Zealand Navy



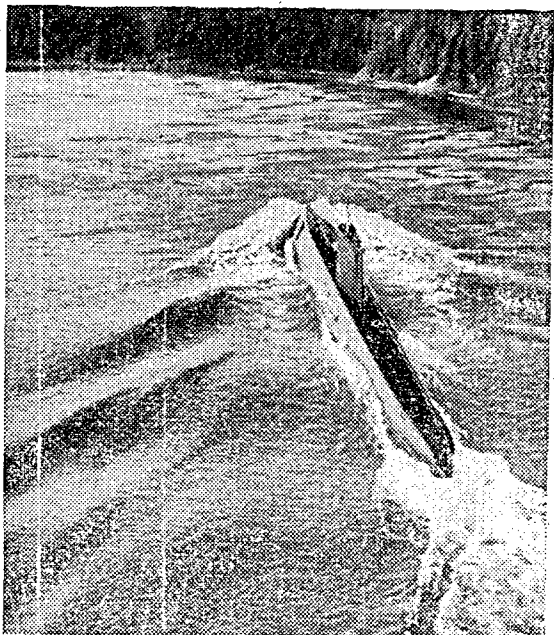
Cargo ship built at Dairen, in north-east China



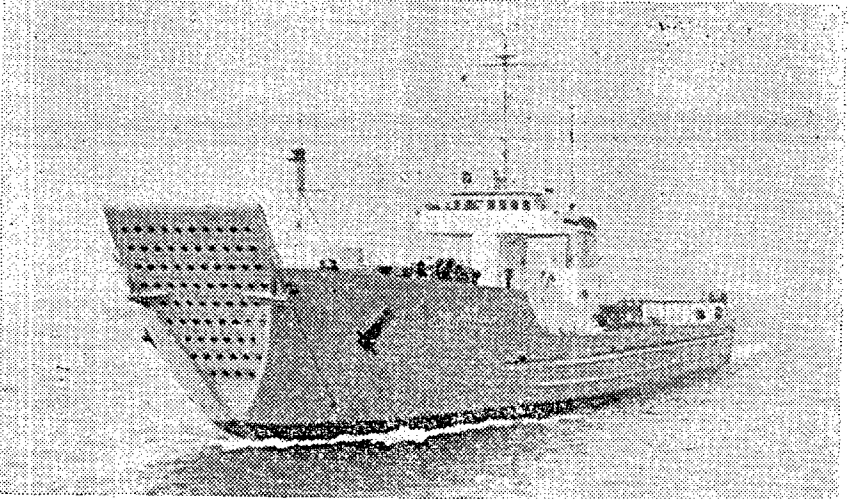
Russian liner Mikhail Kalinin, sailing between Leningrad and London



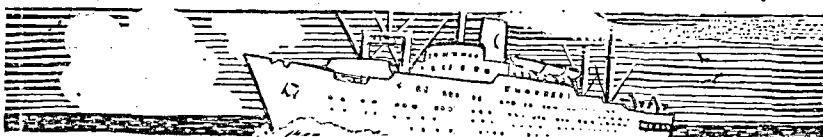
new flagship of the Holland-America Line



U.S. atomic submarine Nautilus of North Pole fame



U.S. Army vessel for landing cargo on beaches. She can be steered sideways



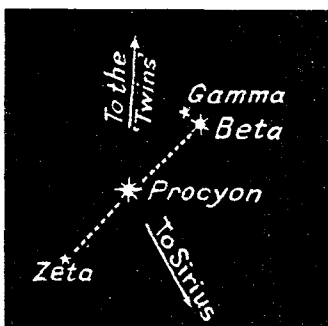


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LOOKING AT THE SKYNEIGHBOURS OF  
OUR SUN

IN the CN of March 7 I wrote about Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, and known as the Dog Star because it is seen in the constellation called Canis Major (the Greater Dog).

Another star which is in many ways linked with it is Procyon, which is found in Canis Minor (the Smaller Dog). These two stars, known to the Ancient Greeks as the hounds of Orion, the great hunter, and so associated with man's friend, the dog, were found to be the nearest to the Sun with the exception of Alpha Centauri. Thus these three stars, so closely associated in ancient legend, were found to be closely associated in space.

The stars in the constellation of Canis Minor are few, but with the



aid of the star-map are sufficient to identify the constellation.

The star Beta appears to be as far from Procyon as the distance between the "Twins," Castor and Pollux. These will be seen away to the right of Procyon, but being very much farther away in space are not members of this group known as the "Sun's Neighbours."

Procyon is actually a larger sun than Sirius, but so brilliant is the surface of the latter that it radiates nearly five times more light than Procyon. Also, Procyon is about 696,000 times farther away than our Sun whereas Sirius is 544,300 times more distant.

Nevertheless, the surface of

Procyon is hotter and brighter than that of our Sun, with an average temperature of between 6500 and 7000 degrees Centigrade as compared with about 5500 and 6000 degrees for the Sun.

Considering the great differences between so many of the suns of our vast Universe, there is much in common between these four, of which Sirius is the youngest, Procyon next, and then our Sun, Alpha Centauri (which is actually composed of two suns) about the same age and size.

Both Procyon and Sirius have a much smaller satellite revolving round them; they are known as "Sirius B" and "Procyon B." The latter is of only 13th magnitude and radiates about 180,000 times less light than Procyon itself; yet its gravitational pull is so great that it pulls the great sphere of Procyon round in an orbit inside that of "Procyon B."

THE planet Venus, now a splendid object in the western sky, will appear near the slender crescent of the Moon on Saturday, April 11. It will be seen some way above and to the right of the Moon.

In the past few weeks Venus has come over 20 million miles nearer to us (being now about 115 million miles away) and therefore appears much brighter.

It now presents what is called a gibbous or humped appearance when seen through a telescope, nearly one-fifth of the planet's disc appearing unlit by the sunlight, and so leaving the bright part as a hump or bulge. This unlit portion will rapidly increase as Venus comes nearer. G. F. M.

## OLD SOLDIER

The recent death of an American Civil War veteran said to be 112 years old, leaves only one survivor of the war, a man thought to be 116.

THE WORLD'S  
BIGGEST  
TANKER

The biggest oil tanker in the world is now on her maiden voyage from the yards at Kure, Japan, where she was built.

This new giant is the Universe Apollo of 104,520 tons deadweight, and 30,000 metric tons of steel were used in her. Her length is 949 feet 9 inches overall with a breadth of 135 feet and her service speed will be 15½ knots.

The Universe Apollo, which has cost the equivalent of £5,000,000, is owned by the Universe Tankships Inc. of Liberia and will carry about 100,000 tons of oil cargo. Her huge weight is pushed through the sea by a single five-bladed propeller with a diameter of over 24 feet.

Mighty rope  
of nylon

What is believed to be the world's biggest nylon rope was recently made by a leading British firm of ropemakers. It is 720 feet long, has a circumference of 12 inches and weighs 3100 lb. Into its weaving went one-and-a-half million miles of nylon filament, enough to go 60 times round the Earth.

The weight of material used would make 100,000 pairs of 15 denier nylon stockings.

This huge rope which has a breaking strain of 126 tons, is to be used for salvage operations in the great underwater oilfield at Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela.

## SNAKE STOWAWAY

A British Army pilot had a startling experience while flying in an Auster over the Malayan jungle the other day. He found that he had company in the shape of a three-foot-long green and yellow snake, which was quietly exploring the little cabin. After crawling over the instrument panel, the stowaway seemed to doze off, much to the pilot's relief.

It was killed after the plane had landed.



## Wooden spoons—hand made

A Cardiff craftsman, Bill Evans, in the workshop where he carves wooden spoons for the Welsh Folk Museum at St. Fagan's, Glamorgan.

THE HOUND OF THE  
BASKERVILLES

On this page next week we shall begin a picture version of The Hound of the Baskervilles, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. One of the most celebrated stories of Sherlock Holmes, it was first published in 1902; but it still has its place among the great thrillers in the English language—and indeed in the many other languages into which the tales of the immortal detective have been translated.

Desolate Dartmoor, "mottled with gnarled and craggy cairns and tors," provides the eerie, sinister background to this baffling mystery which Sherlock Holmes investigates, helped by the ever-faithful Dr. Watson.

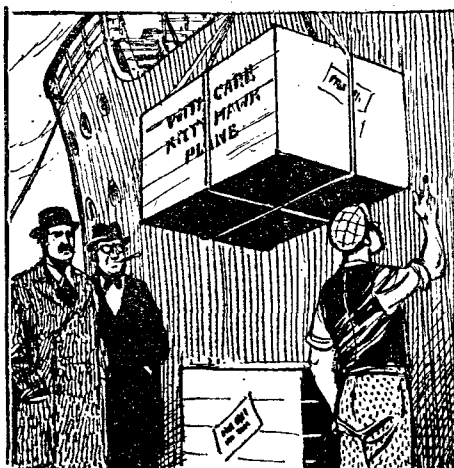
In a shallow Dartmoor valley stands Baskerville Hall, home of a rich and generous widower, Sir Charles Baskerville, a man who is troubled because of a legend of a curse on his family.

One of his ancestors, an evil man, is said to have been killed on the moor by "a great black beast, shaped like a hound"; and according to the legend Baskervilles must "forbear from crossing the moor in those dark hours when the powers of evil are exalted."

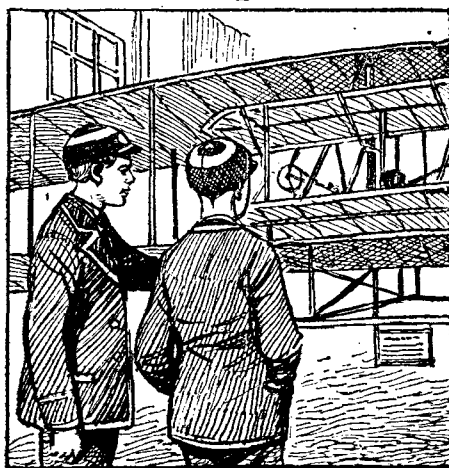
Sherlock Holmes dismisses it all as a fairy tale until he hears that Sir Charles Baskerville has been found dead, apparently of heart failure—but with the footprints of a gigantic hound clearly visible beside his body!

Thrill follows thrill as the skilful detective gets on the trail of the "spectral hound," and we believe our readers will eagerly follow every move until the mystery is finally solved. Next week, then, on this page: The Hound of the Baskervilles. Do not miss it!

## PIONEERS OF FLIGHT—new picture-story of the famous Wright brothers (Final instalment)



The Smithsonian Institution displayed the Langley plane as the first aircraft capable of flight. But the London Science Museum, which knew the facts, asked to have the Wrights' Kitty Hawk plane on loan. Reluctantly Orville agreed, and it was shipped to England.



For several years the historic plane was a popular exhibit at the Science Museum, South Kensington. Meanwhile, in the U.S.A., Orville's friends never ceased their efforts to persuade the authorities at the Smithsonian Institution to give it its rightful place there.



At last, in 1942, the Smithsonian's new secretary published the truth about the Langley machine, and offered the Kitty Hawk plane "the highest place of honour in the National Museum." Orville agreed to bring it back, and a replica afterwards took its place at South Kensington.



Orville lived to see vast progress in flying, up to his death in 1948. The memorial at Kitty Hawk bears these words: "In Commemoration of the Conquest of the Air by the Brothers Wright. Conceived by Genius, Achieved by Dauntless Resolution and Unconquerable Faith."

A picture-version of The Hound of the Baskervilles begins on this page next week



A new serial adapted from the Children's Film Foundation production

# THE DAWN KILLER

By Monica Edwards

At the Kent Sheepdog Trials Colin and Anna Hawkes are waiting for the announcement of the winner of the Kent Cup. As in previous years it seems that the victory may be between their father's collie, Glen, and a big rough cross-bred, Lion, belonging to a neighbouring dealer-smallholder. There has been talk on the field about sheep-worrying and Lion is suspected.

## 2. Uneasy ride

ANNA stopped talking, and held her breath as the announcer's voice suddenly boomed across the field, through the loudspeaker.

"The winner of the Kent Cup is Mr. Jack Hawkes' Glen, with 242 points. Mr. Tom Hoddys' Lion

killer-dog was Lion; we couldn't help hearing him tell Mr. Jakes."

"I know," his father said.

Cathy shivered.

"That dog really does give me the creeps. I'll never forget the last time he picked a fight with Glen."

"That's half the trouble, of course," Mr. Hawkes was glancing at his watch. "He looks like a villain and acts like a villain, and so he always gets the villain's part."

"Not always, Boss," Eli offered this correction with his usual courtesy. "I telly who the Hoddys are giving out as the killer, and that's our Glen."

All the younger Hawkes looked at him incredulously.

shed where Mr. Hawkes was getting things ready, and Colin's voice shouting by the farmyard gate, where he and Anna were driving in the cows. Anna turned and looked back into the field where the two shepherd ponies, one bay and one grey, stood watching the last cow go through, and then she shut the gate.

Old Eli came across the yard with Shep at his heel; he looked as if he were leaning into a Marsh gale, but this was his typical manner of progress even when the wind was only a soft breath.

### Glen is missing

"An' where's Glen, then, the Conquering Hero? I don't see him anywheres about."

Anna looked round.

"Well, he was here, when we came out after tea. Dad! Have you got Glen in the cowshed?"

Her father appeared in the doorway with a bucket in his hand.

"No. I thought he was with you." He looked about the yard and across the Home field, whistling the three notes that would always bring Glen if he heard and could come. "It's not like him to go off."

Old Eli stood leaning into his imaginary wind.

"Don't want him to start roaming now, of all times, with folks ready to jump on any dog they see on account of sheep-worrying. Jack Hicks he tell me at the Trials he found two ewes savaged this morning early. Dawn time, same as Jakes's was."

Colin came from the cowshed, where he had been chaining up the cows.

"Anna and I'll go and look for him—won't we, Anna? Can we have Misty and Cloudy, Dad?"

"Yes, if you don't forget that they're hard-working shepherd ponies and not to be tired out for the morning."

"All right, Dad. We'll be careful. Come on, Anna, you can have Misty."

### Starting the search

Saddling up hurriedly in the stable they were talking anxiously about Glen.

"He can't be awfully near or he'd have come to Dad's whistle." Colin was pulling up Cloudy's girth.

"The thing is, knowing where to look."

"I suppose across the grazings to the sea, and back round by the hawthorns would be as good as anywhere."

They led the ponies out into the evening sunlight and rode through the yard gate towards the sea. But though they rode and whistled and looked everywhere, all the way to the green-sided snake of a sea-wall, they saw and heard no sign of him.

"We'll just look over." Colin

was leaning his weight forward to help Cloudy up the bank. "He might have gone down to the sea, though I can't think why."

The ponies came to a halt on the wall-top, their sides heaving. There was no dog on the sands and most of the holiday-makers had gone to their suppers. One lonely small figure stood out; still busily occupied at the edge of the sea; a slight, barefooted boy threading fish from shore-lines on to a string.

Anna said disappointedly: "Well, he isn't there. Colin, the Hoddys—you don't think they'd do anything to hurt him, do you?"

Colin was making knots in a piece of thin rope that he always carried to practise on, but not looking at it more than once or twice: he was looking for Glen.

"If he were out of the way there'd be almost nothing to stop Lion winning the Cup, and they're awfully set on that. But I don't think they'd hurt him. Look, that's one of the Hoddys at the shore-lines. It's Joe. Shall we go down and ask if he's seen Glen?"

Anna screwed up her face.

"No. I hate seeing lug-worms threaded on hooks."

"Never mind, he's finished; he's coming back."

They watched the boy coming up over the wet sands to the sea-wall. He looked at them warily, dangling his string of fishes, and then sat down to put on the plimsolls that were hung round his neck. Colin looked down from Cloudy's saddle with his usual cautious friendliness.

"Hallo, Joe. You haven't seen Glen anywhere, have you?"

Joe shook his head, glancing up sideways.

"Gorn missing, then? That's bad, isn't it? Just now, with all the talk there is."

"No one would talk about Glen! Not like that, I mean." Anna was immediately defensive.

"Folks talk as they find, my Dad says."

Colin was about to reply, then decided this was no time for an argument. Abruptly he swung Cloudy down from the wall, calling to Anna: "Come on. It's getting late."

### A dead sheep!

The hawthorns in summer were like a fleet of green-sailed ships on a calm green sea. The young Hawkes' could see them long before they reached them. You could see everything on the Marsh, unless it were too small or too far off for the eye to recognise it. When they were approaching nearer Colin suddenly pulled up.

"Anna, look—Glen!" He called the dog eagerly: "Glen, boy! Here, old man!" Then he whistled the three familiar notes. "Why doesn't he come?"

Glen was standing near the hawthorns, waving his tail, and Anna saw with a sudden stab of apprehension that he was resting one paw. Then she saw something else.

"Just there, beside him—look—what is it? Oh, Colin! It's a dead sheep. One of our sheep."

To be continued



Glen, Dinah, and Lion as they appear in the film

comes a very close second, only two points behind."

Colin swung round to Anna.

"As close as that! Glen was much neater."

"Lion was faster; he always is," Anna said.

"He rushed the sheep. Glen was perfect all through."

"It doesn't matter, anyway." Anna began to zigzag her way through the crowd. "Glen's in for the Southern Counties now. I'm going to find him and tell him what a wonderful dog he is."

"They'll both be down for the Southern Counties. It's always Glen against Lion." Colin was striding after her. "Look! There they all are, by the car; Dad and Cathy and Eli and the dogs."

Anna raced over the grass, threading her way between other cars to their own old grey brake.

"Glen! Oh, you heavenly hound!" She had thrown her arms round him, laughing and kneeling in the grass.

"I don't think he ever did a better piece of work," Anna's father admitted.

Colin was ruffling Glen's ears. He suddenly looked up at his father.

"The Wilsons lost five ewes this morning, and one mauled to death. Mr. Wilson thinks the

"Oh, but that's simply ridiculous!" Colin said. "Nobody would ever listen."

The old looker nodded doubtfully.

"No, prob'ly not."

Jack Hawkes disregarded the impossible piece of news.

"After the prize-giving it's straight home for the milking, and late at that. You and Shep will have a lift home, won't you, Eli?"

"Thank you, sir. It'll git me in sooner for the milking."

"You know perfectly well you don't have to help with the milking." Mr. Hawkes shot him a stern glance. "Not that you'll listen to a word I say."

"No, sir, I reckon not, sir."

"You old rebel," Mr. Hawkes said severely, and went to hunt for a sugar-lump in the car because today was, after all, a very special day for Glen.

An hour or two later tea was over at the farmhouse and milking was beginning.

Owlers Farm was old and rose-coloured and half hidden in its ruffle of trees. There was always the sound of the sea about it, and the sound of the wind in reeds, and often the cry of seagulls sailing on the wind's back.

Just now there was a cheerful clanking of buckets from the cow-

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# THE WORLD OF STAMPS

EXCITING events in Newfoundland 40 years ago this month led to the issue of some of the rarest stamps of the 20th century.

That great journalist Lord Northcliffe, then a British newspaper proprietor, had offered a prize of £10,000 to the first airman to fly the Atlantic. Among those anxious to win this historic prize were an Australian, Harry Hawker, and his navigator, Lieutenant-Commander K. Mackenzie Grieve. They planned to set out from Newfoundland in their Sopwith biplane on April 16, 1919, when there would be a full moon.

Two hundred stamps of the Newfoundland Caribou type were specially overprinted "First Trans-Atlantic Air Post, April 1919," for use on letters to be carried by Hawker and Grieve.

Unfortunately, the weather during April was too unsettled for any transatlantic flight to be possible and it was not until May 18 that the airmen took off. Bad luck dogged them. After 18 hours' flying, engine trouble and worsening weather forced them down into the sea. They were lucky enough to be rescued by a Danish tramp steamer, and their aircraft was also salvaged. The mailbag was soaked in sea-water but the letters were safely delivered. A few months ago, three of the stained envelopes were sold at Harmer's auction rooms in

London for between £400 and £500 each.

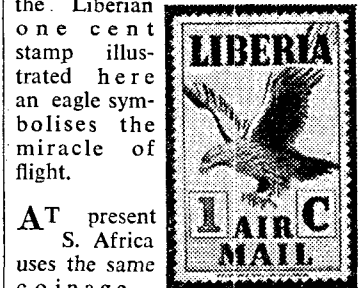
Two other airmen, Majors Morgan and Raynham, prepared to set out from Newfoundland an hour after Hawker and Grieve. They were even less fortunate, for their Martinsyde machine crashed on take-off, slightly injuring them both. The few letters they were carrying had been franked with Caribou stamps on which the Postmaster-General of Newfoundland, Dr. J. A. Robinson had himself written in ink "Aerial Atlantic Mail—J.A.R."

These letters were afterwards delivered by ordinary mail. The picture above is of the corner of an envelope with one of the Hawker stamps and one of the Martinsyde issue, sold recently by Harmer's for £1250.

The Atlantic was eventually conquered in June 1919 by Captain John Alcock and Lieutenant A. W. Brown, who flew from Newfoundland to Ireland in a Vickers Vimy biplane. They won Lord Northcliffe's prize and were knighted by King George V for their historic achievement.

Since those exciting early days thousands of specially designed air-mail stamps have been issued. On the Liberian one cent stamp illustrated here an eagle symbolises the miracle of flight.

AT present S. Africa uses the same coinage—pounds, shillings and pence—as we do in Britain. The South African government is planning to change in 1961 to a decimal coinage, with ten cents, instead of twelve pence, to each shilling.



This will entail changes in the current South African stamps, whose pictures of wild animals have made them so popular with collectors. The warthog, on the 1d. value, is surely one of the ugliest animals ever to appear on a postage stamp, but some of the antelope family, like the gemsbuck shown here, are lovely creatures.



C. W. HILL

## Why he stopped collecting stamps

A story which will amuse all stamp collectors was told the other day by Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, the Solicitor-General. Addressing an audience of philatelists, he recalled that he himself had once been an enthusiastic collector, but had been driven from it by matrimony.

"I made the discovery," he said, "rather galling to my manly pride, that my wife was an infinitely better collector. She at once confirmed my judgment by collecting my collection!"

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## Music in the family

The Taylor family, who live at Milnsbridge, near Huddersfield, can make up a small orchestra all on their own. They are already being kept busy with engagements



# PUZZLE PARADE

## MUSICAL SENTENCES

Can you find the musical terms or instruments hidden in the following sentences?

THE bully received swift retribution.

When he caught the flu, Teddy had to stay in bed.

The rainy season was due to begin.

The Company mascot was a very popular goat.

## WHERE WILL YOU FIND THEM?

In which books would you meet the following characters?

TOPSY; Mr. Jingle; Wendy; Jabberwock; Capt. Cuttle.

## PICK THIS FLOWER

A LOVELY flower which favours spots

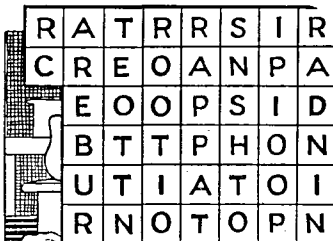
Where soil is not too dry. One is reminded of its name By looking in your eye.

## DO YOU PLAY THESE GAMES?

The names of eight games have been jumbled here. Can you sort them out? Perhaps some of your favourite games are given.

SYD WIND KILT.  
LABREMS.  
DRESS SAND AND LAKE.  
LOUD.  
MOON SIDE.  
LET BASIN NET.  
HAT DRUGS.  
TALL BOW OF LOB.

## MIXED VEGETABLES



START at the letter C in the second row of letters and then move in any direction to find the names of seven root vegetables.

## SEASIDE TOWNS

Below are six strange-looking words. Can you add a letter to the beginning and the end of each to form the names of six seaside holiday resorts?

RIGHTO; lacto; argat; orqua; lackpoo; ogno.

## MIXING THE DAYS

The names of six special days in the year are given below, but they have been jumbled. Can you sort them out?

MAUNDY Sunday; Whit Thursday; Shrove Friday; Ash Monday; Good Wednesday; Palm Tuesday.

## FAME IN FIGURES

67224  
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Complete the addition sum above. When you have done so, change the figures in the answer into letters according to the following code:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
A C F H I M S T W Y

If your answer is correct the figures will indicate the letters in the name of a country which will soon become the 50th of the United States.

## WORD LADDER

CAN you change the word HEAD into TAIL in five steps, altering only one letter at a time?

## ODD BIRD OUT

Can you pick the odd bird out of this group?

SPARROW, thrush, swallow, blackbird, starling.

## BILLY TAKES A SHOWER

BILLY was excited about the shower attachment which had been fitted into the bathroom at home, and he was telling Paul all about it.

"You just turn on the taps and the water comes shooting out of the little holes in the thing on the wall. You don't have to get wet all over if you don't want to—you just spray the water on to the dirty bits."

Paul was rather scornful. "Yes, but you can't sail your boats while you're doing it. You can't practise swimming. And in any case Mummy always comes to see that I've washed all over when I've finished."

To try to settle the argument the two boys went upstairs to the bathroom. "I haven't actually used it yet," said Billy. "But I know how it works."

He lifted the spray from the hook and turned on the tap, carefully holding the spray over the bath. Nothing happened.

"Doesn't even work," jeered Paul.

Billy lifted the spray up and looked at it. But he had forgotten that it takes a little while for the water to travel along the tubing, and suddenly it came cascading out—all over his head and shoulders.

Paul hooted with laughter until Billy dropped the spray and the water squirted all over him.

"Look out," yelled Paul. "That water's cold."

But they were soon in hot water when Mummy came to find what the noise was all about and saw the water all over the floor. "You can get some rags and clean this mess up," she said angrily.

As the two boys got down on their hands and knees to mop up the water, Billy said sadly: "You know, I think that baths are better than showers after all. At least I never had to clean the floor when I had a bath!"

## LUCKY DIP

### QUILL PEN WITH A BALL POINT



Here is a way of making a quill-pen which has a ball-point. Get a ball-point refill and push it into the quill of a feather. Then bind securely with raffia, to get the result shown at A. To get a bright touch you could use raffia of two colours, twisting the strands to produce a candy-stripe effect.

## THE SPARROW

AS I looked out of my garden door

A really amazing sight I saw;  
A cuckoo was sitting upon the gate

With beak wide open and wings out straight,

While a poor little sparrow was trying her best

To feed what she'd reared in her own small nest.

The sparrow exclaimed as she stretched her legs,

"You never can tell what comes out of eggs!"

## THE MIGHTY NEST OF EVEREST

AN ant-eater, seeking a nest

Of ants, came to Mount Everest.

"There was never it's match!"

He cried, starting to scratch,  
"Of all ant-hills I've seen, it's the best!"

## SAYINGS ABOUT FRIENDS

A FRIEND in need is a friend indeed.

The way to have a friend is to be one.

A friend is not so soon forgotten as lost.

Have few friends though much acquaintance.

All men's friend, no man's friend.

Be slow in choosing a friend, but slower in changing him.

Better a stranger made friend

than a friend made stranger.

## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Musical sentences. Lyre; flute; duet; largo. Where will you find them? Uncle Tom's Cabin; Pickwick Papers; Peter Pan; Alice Through the Looking Glass; Dombey and Son. What are these animals? Prairie marmot; Shetland pony; Siamese cat; Angora goat; pine marten; water vole. Fame in Figures. Hawaii. Word ladder. Head; hear; heir; hair; hail; tail. Pick this flower. Iris. Do you play these games? Tiddlywinks; marbles; snakes and ladders; ludo; dominoes; table tennis; draughts; blow football. Mixed vegetables. Carrot; beetroot; turnip; parsnip; radish; onion; potato. Seaside towns. Brighton; Clacton; Margate; Torquay; Blackpool; Bognor. Mixing the days. Maundy Thursday; Whit Thursday; Shrove Monday; Ash Tuesday; Good Friday; Palm Sunday. Odd bird out. Swallow—the only one to migrate during the winter.

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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ARA OOEZ  
MIRROR PI  
SPENDS T  
DEEP ENDS  
R TERROR  
IN NESTED  
VENTS TAB  
EWE THYME

## JUST A FEW WORDS

1. C. Loquacious means talkative; inclined to chatter. (From Latin *loquax*, talkative.)
2. A. To cavil (at something) is to raise frivolous objections; quibble, find fault unnecessarily. (From Latin *cavillari*, to jeer at.)
3. A. Claustrophobia is morbid fear of being shut in. (From Latin *clausum*, an enclosed space, and Greek *phobos*, fear.)
4. B. Bathos is anticlimax; a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous. (From Greek *bathos*, depth.)
5. B. To debilitate is to make weak. (From Latin *debilitatum*, crippled.)
6. A. A cortège is a ceremonial procession. (A French word.)

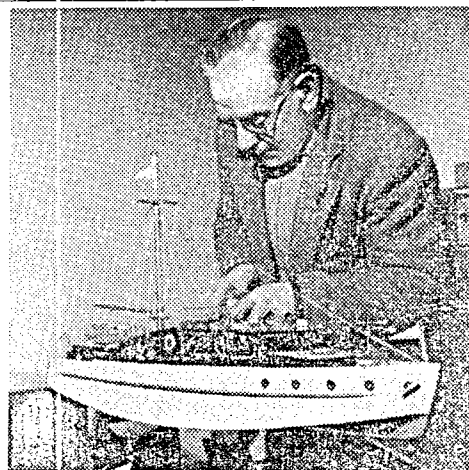
## JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good. Answers are given in column 5.

1. He is inclined to be *loquacious*.  
A—Always on the move.  
B—Picking quarrels.  
C—Talks a lot.
2. Please do not *cavil*.  
A—Make petty objections.  
B—Prance about noisily.  
C—Hide yourself away.
3. She suffers from *claustrophobia*.  
A—Fear of being shut in.  
B—Terror of heights.  
C—Hatred of long words.
4. His speech ended in *bathos*.  
A—Wretched self-pity.  
B—A disappointing anticlimax.  
C—Dramatic appeal for help.
5. The weather is *debilitating*.  
A—Constantly changeable.  
B—Saps our energy.  
C—Rapidly growing worse.
6. That was a splendid *cortège*.  
A—Grand procession.  
B—Garland of flowers.  
C—Beautiful garment.

## Perfect down to the last detail

Mr. George Sims of Felpham, Sussex, at work on a fine model of a cabin cruiser. Making ship models has been his lifelong hobby and he has won many prizes for his work.





## Important game in the rugby championships

SATURDAY'S rugby international in Paris between Wales and France will have a considerable bearing on the International Championship.

If Wales win they will have six points from their four matches, and will thus be champions; if France win they will have five points from three games, and with a match to follow against Ireland a fortnight later will have a great chance to win the title outright for the first time in the history of the competition.

In the series of 31 matches between France and Wales, the Frenchmen have gained only five victories (four of those since the war) as against 26 by the Welshmen. On their last visit to Paris, in 1957, the Welshmen won a high-scoring match by 19 points to 13.

Alfred Roques, the French prop

forward, has played a great part in the remarkable success of his country's XV since the middle of last season. In his six appearances for France, Roques has never been on the losing side.

An ex-farmer, he is now groundsman at the Municipal Stadium at Cahors, where he was made a freeman of the town for his services to French rugby.

### After the Victory

ON Saturday at the Derby F.C. ground England meet Scotland in the 46th schoolboy international match between the two countries. Since the first game in 1911 England have won 21 matches, Scotland 14 with ten drawn.

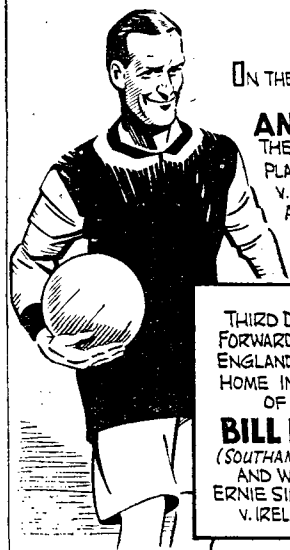
The English boys are the holders of the Victory Shield, which is the trophy for the schools international championship.



### Squash girls in action

The camera captures a thrilling moment in a squash rackets match. Seventeen-year-old Mary Monro, of Wiltshire, ducks away as Jean Wilson (16) from Manchester makes a shot during a recent game at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club.

## Sporting Flashbacks



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### Light of foot

ONE of the most difficult tasks for judges of walking races is to determine whether a competitor is complying with the rules by having contact with the ground at all times. From Rumania comes news of a device which may assist them.

It consists of battery and bulb attached to the vest, and wires running down to the soles of the athlete's shoes. The moment both feet are off the ground at the same time the bulb lights up and the offender is spotted.

### New competition for girl cyclists

UNTIL quite recently Britain's cycle-racing girls have been able to compete only in time trials, but with their ever-growing enthusiasm for massed start racing they are to organise events of their own this season. They are also to hold their own national competition.

Massed start racing is entirely different from time trials; the one being based on individual riders competing against the clock (setting off at one-minute intervals), and the other having all competitors starting together.

The new competition will extend over the whole season and will be run on a points basis. At the end of the season the rider with the highest number of points will receive the Viking Trophy.

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Englishman to reach the semi-finals of the Wimbledon singles championship?
2. Which country holds the world's ice hockey title?
3. How many Englishmen have scored 4000 runs in Test cricket?
4. Third Lanark F.C. are nicknamed The Warriors. Do you know why?
5. Bobby Wilson is now British covered courts tennis champion. Which British player won the title last year?
6. Which soccer team plays at Goodison Park?

Answers: 1. Bunty Ainslie in 1938. 2. Canada. 3. Six. 4. Third Lanarkshire Rifles. 5. Mike Davies. 6. Everton.

## BUSY TIME FOR FRED NORRIS

FRED NORRIS, the Bolton miner who won the English cross-country championship last month, will be defending his A.A.A. ten-miles championship at Hurlingham on Saturday. Then, in a few weeks' time, he hopes to attack one of the many world records held by Emil Zatopek—15 miles in 1 hour 14 minutes 1 second.

Fred Norris, who represented Britain in the 1952 and 1956 Olympics, has one other ambition—to complete the hat-trick by competing at next year's Olympics in Rome.

It was also announced recently that Gordon Pirie is again returning to this country from New Zealand. He arrives next month to run in middle distance events

during the forthcoming season. If he regains the form that made him one of our greatest athletes he will attempt to gain a place in Britain's team for Rome.

It is possible that this year we may have another meeting between Pirie and his old rival Vladimir Kuts. The Russian, holder of the world 5000 and 10,000 metres records, has been missing from top-class athletics for a long time owing to a stomach complaint. Now comes news that he is much better and that he is to start training again this month.

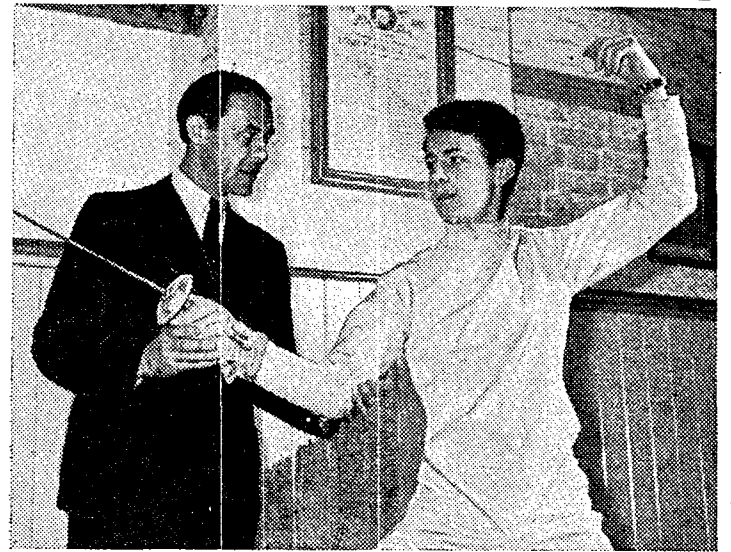
If the two of them recapture anything of their old form we may see them competing against each other when Britain meets Russia in Moscow next September.

### In the footsteps of the hippo

THE Jinja golf course, in Uganda, has a local rule which permits a ball landing in a hippopotamus's footprint to be lifted out without penalty.

### A few good hints from father

Charles Rentoul of Kensington, London, is taking part in the London Schoolboys' Championships being held this week. Our picture shows him taking some good advice from his father, Francis Rentoul, who is himself of international fame with the foil.



### His unusual hobby

WHEN you are on the ground staff of a famous football club and hoping to make your name in the game, life is a very busy affair. But 16-year-old Malcolm Beard still finds time to spend on his unusual hobby—embroidery.

In between training and his chores Malcolm can often be found in the boot-room of the Birmingham City F.C. at work on one of the many tablecloths which he has embroidered.

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